

Elbow Council News - December 2013

October – December Council Meeting Highlights:

- New Mayor, Rob Hundebly was sworn in November 11, 2013 following the October by-election
- Councillor Lepage takes on the Deputy Mayor role for the November 2013 – October 2014 period
- Volunteer Fire Department and First Responder call-out honorarium rates were increased
- Plans have been made to install fencing at the transfer site, for renovations to the firehall and to upgrade the lighting on both the firehall and shop side of the building, and for a new front door to be installed at the Village Office
- Purchase of a used Champion grader has been made with delivery expected in early January. A 'snow gate' has been purchased to be installed on the grader which should help with the ridges left along driveways
- Council accepted a quote from Robert Bramble to construct Prospect Avenue, Venture Street, and extend Pfeffer Avenue all within the Industrial Subdivision. To date, eight industrial lots have been sold.
- Starting January 1st, interest will be charged on ALL overdue accounts with the Village – 1% per month.
- Due to price increases from Loraas, Council will be further reviewing the rates the Village charges out for curbside garbage & recycling, as well as the construction bins at their January 2014 meeting.

Updated Village maps are for sale at the Village Office - \$25 ea

Keep informed - Council Meeting Minutes are posted on the Elbow website, as are the quarterly newsletters

Clean Up our Neighbourhood – Council has begun steps to clean up our neighbourhood, with the first "problem area" addressed being junked vehicles. According to the Village's Nuisance Bylaw, a junked vehicle is described as any vehicle that has no valid license plate attached to it, or is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition. It has also been noticed that many properties have trees, shrubs, and bushes that have become very overgrown and are encroaching in the back alleys and need to be trimmed back. In the spring, Council intends to further act on the Nuisance Bylaw to get our town looking better. Council appreciates your cooperation.

Road/Infrastructure Committee – Council is interested in setting up a Road/Infrastructure Committee which will include members of the public. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, or would like more information, please contact the Village Office.

Snow Removal Priorities – at their December meeting, Council discussed snow removal priority routes. The first priority following a heavy snowfall would be Saskatchewan Street (main street) and to the RCMP Detachment. Second priority would then be to clear Putters Lane, Sarah Drive South and Aaro Avenue, with the goal to have all other streets cleared within 48 hours. Please remember that if the streets are not passable within the Village, it may not be safe to travel on the highways. Always check the highway hotline before travelling – www.highways.gov.sk.ca/road-conditions or 1-888-335-7623.

Transfer Site – the Elbow Transfer Site (landfill) was closed for the season at the end of October. If you need access during the winter months, arrangements can be made through the Village Office.

Automated External Defibrillator for the Rink – the Village made application under the Public Access to Defibrillator (PAD) Federal Program for an AED for the Rink. Along with the AED, the grant also provides for us to host a FREE training session, hopefully later in January. If you are interested, please contact the Village Office. There are only 10 spots available.

Enbridge Donation – the Elbow First Responders recently received a \$4,000 donation to go towards safety equipment from Enbridge through their Safe Community program.

Thank you!

- Special thanks for the Service Club and helpers for organizing and putting on what will hopefully be an annual "Light up the Town" event. Over 100 people took in the festivities despite the frigid temperatures. The Village participated by purchasing \$400 worth of lights for the gazebo and trees at the museum and the large evergreen tree by the Village Office. Special thanks go out to Tom Wilson and June Evans for letting us tap into their power for the lights on the museum grounds and Gary Dunn for donating some strings of lights.
- The Village of Elbow is eternally grateful for the volunteers that came from neighbouring communities, the Loreburn and Davidson Fire Departments, and of course our own volunteer fire department and first responders, for their response to the devastating condo fire October 2nd.
- Thank you to all that helped convert the rink from summer to winter use and spent time flooding. The skating ice is ready!
- Thank you also to everyone that dropped of treats, cards, and Christmas wishes with staff over the holiday season – it was greatly appreciated!

Skating Season is here!

Skating passes (and keys) are available at the Village Office: Family pass \$75, single pass \$30). Drop in fee is \$5/person/day.

Streetlight Trouble? – Report your streetlight issues (flickering, outage, etc.) directly to SaskPower at 310-2220 or online at www.saskpower.com. Only you know the exact location and what the issue is.

Elbow Library – The Elbow Library Board is looking for some new board members (and yes, men are more than welcome!). If anyone is interested, please call Leanne at the Library 306-854-2220. The Library is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.

Website – remember to check out the Village's website

www.elbowsask.com There you will find minutes from the Council Meetings, newsletters, community events listings, Village news, items for sale, and some of the Village Bylaws. The site continues to be updated with more content as time permits. Please remember to send us information on your community event – we will list it for FREE!

Home Care – If there comes a time in your family's experiences that you find you may need the assistance of Home Care, either nursing services or homemaking services here in Elbow and surrounding area, please feel free to contact Janet Hundebly, RN. Often times city doctors are not aware that assistance is available in rural Saskatchewan. Whether it is for blood pressure monitoring, checking on your diabetes, or post operative care such as dressings, suture removal, staple removal, etc. or any other medical needs that can be managed at home, please contact Janet. The information that you would need to provide to your doctor can be available ahead of surgery for post operative planning.

Submitted by Janet Hundebly 306-854-2167

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! – With every wish for a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years – Mayor Rob Hundebly, Councillors Lynden Lepage, Colleen Hoppenreys, Gary Dunn, Betty Hatzel, Chief Administrative Officer Yvonne Jess, Maintenance Foreman Scott Scrimbitt, and Administrative Assistant Claudia Diederich.